facilities described in this Agreement, and, while each Party shall use diligent efforts in this regard, the Parties acknowledge and agree that this limitation of liability shall apply to provision of such advice, recommendations, and analyses.

- To the extent any specific provision of this Agreement purports to impose liability, or limitation of liability, on either Party different from or in conflict with the liability or limitation of liability set forth in this Section, then with respect to any facts or circumstances covered by such specific provisions, the liability or limitation of liability contained in such specific provision shall apply.
- Indemnification for Certain Claims. Except to the extent caused by the indemnified Party's gross negligence or willful misconduct, the Party providing services hereunder, its Affiliates and its parent company, shall be indemnified, defended and held harmless by the Party receiving services hereunder against any claim, loss or damage arising from the receiving Party's use of the services provided under this Agreement pertaining to (1) claims for libel, slander or invasion of privacy arising from the content of the receiving Party's own communications, or (2) any claim, loss or damage claimed by the End User of the Party receiving services arising from such company's use or reliance on the providing Party's services, actions, duties, or obligations arising out of this Agreement.
- 5.5 <u>Disclaimer</u>. EXCEPT AS SPECIFICALLY PROVIDED TO THE CONTRARY IN THIS AGREEMENT, NEITHER PARTY MAKES ANY REPRESENTATIONS OR WARRANTIES TO THE OTHER PARTY CONCERNING THE SPECIFIC QUALITY OF ANY SERVICES, OR FACILITIES PROVIDED UNDER THIS AGREEMENT. THE PARTIES DISCLAIM, WITHOUT LIMITATION, ANY WARRANTY OR GUARANTEE OF MERCHANTABILITY OR FITNESS FOR A PARTICULAR PURPOSE, ARISING FROM COURSE OF PERFORMANCE, COURSE OF DEALING, OR FROM USAGES OF TRADE.

# 6 Intellectual Property Rights and Indemnification

No License. Except as expressly set forth in Section 6.2, no patent, copyright, trademark or other proprietary right is licensed, granted or otherwise transferred by this Agreement. The Parties are strictly prohibited from any use, including but not limited to, in the selling, marketing, promoting or advertising of telecommunications services, of any name, service mark, logo or trademark (collectively, the "Marks") of the other Party. The Marks include those Marks owned directly by a Party or its Affiliate(s) and those Marks that a Party has a legal and valid license to use. The Parties acknowledge that they are separate and distinct and that each provides a separate and distinct service and agree that neither Party may, expressly or impliedly, state, advertise or market that it is or offers the same service as the other Party or engage in any other activity that may result in a likelihood of confusion between its own service and the service of the other Party.

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- Ownership of Intellectual Property. Any intellectual property that originates from 6.2 or is developed by a Party shall remain the exclusive property of that Party. Except for a limited, non-assignable, non-exclusive, non-transferable license to use patents or copyrights to the extent necessary for the Parties to use any facilities or equipment (including software) or to receive any service solely as provided under this Agreement, no license in patent, copyright, trademark or trade secret, or other proprietary or intellectual property right, now or hereafter owned, controlled or licensable by a Party, is granted to the other Party. Neither shall it be implied nor arise by estoppel. Any trademark, copyright or other proprietary notices appearing in association with the use of any facilities or equipment (including software) shall remain on the documentation, material, product, service, equipment or software. It is the responsibility of each Party to ensure at no additional cost to the other Party that it has obtained any necessary licenses in relation to intellectual property of third Parties used in its network that may be required to enable the other Party to use any facilities or equipment (including software), to receive any service, or to perform its respective obligations under this Agreement.
- 6.3 Intellectual Property Remedies
- 6.3.1 <u>Indemnification.</u> The Party providing a service pursuant to this Agreement will defend the Party receiving such service or data provided as a result of such service against claims of infringement arising solely from the use by the receiving Party of such service in the manner contemplated under this Agreement and will indemnify the receiving Party for any damages awarded based solely on such claims in accordance with Section 5 preceding.
- 6.3.2 <u>Claim of Infringement.</u> In the event that use of any facilities or equipment (including software), becomes, or in the reasonable judgment of the Party who owns the affected network is likely to become, the subject of a claim, action, suit, or proceeding based on intellectual property infringement, then said Party, promptly and at its sole expense and sole option, but subject to the limitations of liability set forth below, shall:
- 6.3.2.1 modify or replace the applicable facilities or equipment (including software) while maintaining form and function, or
- 6.3.2.2 obtain a license sufficient to allow such use to continue.
- 6.3.2.3 In the event Section 6.3.2.1 or 6.3.2.2 are commercially unreasonable, then said Party may terminate, upon reasonable notice, this contract with respect to use of, or services provided through use of, the affected facilities or equipment (including software), but solely to the extent required to avoid the infringement claim.
- 6.3.3 Exception to Obligations. Neither Party's obligations under this Section shall apply to the extent the infringement is caused by: (i) modification of the facilities or equipment (including software) by the indemnitee; (ii) use by the indemnitee of the facilities or equipment (including software) in combination with equipment or

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facilities (including software) not provided or authorized by the indemnitor, provided the facilities or equipment (including software) would not be infringing if used alone; (iii) conformance to specifications of the indemnitee which would necessarily result in infringement; or (iv) continued use by the indemnitee of the affected facilities or equipment (including software) after being placed on notice to discontinue use as set forth herein.

- 6.3.4 <u>Exclusive Remedy.</u> The foregoing shall constitute the Parties' sole and exclusive remedies and obligations with respect to a third party claim of intellectual property infringement arising out of the conduct of business under this Agreement.
- 6.3.5 <u>Dispute Resolution.</u> Any claim arising under Section 6.1 and 6.2 shall be excluded from the dispute resolution procedures set forth in Section 8 and shall be brought in a court of competent jurisdiction.

# 7 Proprietary and Confidential Information

- Proprietary and Confidential Information. It may be necessary for BellSouth and USA Video Relay, each as the "Discloser," to provide to the other Party, as "Recipient," certain proprietary and confidential information (including trade secret information) including but not limited to technical, financial, marketing, staffing and business plans and information, strategic information, proposals, request for proposals, specifications, drawings, maps, prices, costs, costing methodologies, procedures, processes, business systems, software programs, techniques, customer account data, call detail records and like information (collectively the "Information"). All such Information conveyed in writing or other tangible form shall be clearly marked with a confidential or proprietary legend. Information conveyed orally by the Discloser to Recipient shall be designated as proprietary and confidential at the time of such oral conveyance, shall be reduced to writing by the Discloser within forty-five (45) days thereafter, and shall be clearly marked with a confidential or proprietary legend.
- 7.2 <u>Use and Protection of Information</u>. Recipient agrees to protect such Information of the Discloser provided to Recipient from whatever source from distribution, disclosure or dissemination to anyone except employees of Recipient with a need to know such Information solely in conjunction with Recipient's analysis of the Information and for no other purpose except as authorized herein or as otherwise authorized in writing by the Discloser. Recipient will not make any copies of the Information inspected by it.
- 7.3 <u>Exceptions.</u> Recipient will not have an obligation to protect any portion of the Information which:
- 7.3.1 (a) is made publicly available by the Discloser or lawfully by a nonparty to this Agreement; (b) is lawfully obtained by Recipient from any source other than Discloser; (c) is previously known to Recipient without an obligation to keep it

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confidential; or (d) is released from the terms of this Agreement by Discloser upon written notice to Recipient.

- Recipient agrees to use the Information solely for the purposes of negotiations pursuant to 47 U.S.C. 251 or in performing its obligations under this Agreement and for no other entity or purpose, except as may be otherwise agreed to in writing by the Parties. Nothing herein shall prohibit Recipient from providing information requested by the FCC or a state regulatory agency with jurisdiction over this matter, or to support a request for arbitration or an allegation of failure to negotiate in good faith.
- 7.5 Recipient agrees not to publish or use the Information for any advertising, sales or marketing promotions, press releases, or publicity matters that refer either directly or indirectly to the Information or to the Discloser or any of its affiliated companies.
- 7.6 The disclosure of Information neither grants nor implies any license to the Recipient under any trademark, patent, copyright, application or other intellectual property right that is now or may hereafter be owned by the Discloser.
- 7.7 Survival of Confidentiality Obligations. The Parties' rights and obligations under this Section 7 shall survive and continue in effect until two (2) years after the expiration or termination date of this Agreement with regard to all Information exchanged during the term of this Agreement. Thereafter, the Parties' rights and obligations hereunder survive and continue in effect with respect to any Information that is a trade secret under applicable law.

### **8** Resolution of Disputes

Except as otherwise stated in this Agreement, if any dispute arises as to the interpretation of any provision of this Agreement or as to the proper implementation of this Agreement, the aggrieved Party, if it elects to pursue resolution of the dispute, shall petition the Commission for a resolution of the dispute. However, each Party reserves any rights it may have to seek judicial review of any ruling made by the Commission concerning this Agreement.

#### 9 Taxes

9.1 <u>Definition.</u> For purposes of this Section, the terms "taxes" and "fees" shall include but not be limited to federal, state or local sales, use, excise, gross receipts or other taxes or tax-like fees of whatever nature and however designated (including tariff surcharges and any fees, charges or other payments, contractual or otherwise, for the use of public streets or rights of way, whether designated as franchise fees or otherwise) imposed, or sought to be imposed, on or with respect to the services furnished hereunder or measured by the charges or payments therefore, excluding any taxes levied on income.

- 9.2 Taxes and Fees Imposed Directly On Either Providing Party or Purchasing Party.

  Taxes and fees imposed on the providing Party, which are not permitted or required to be passed on by the providing Party to its customer, shall be borne and paid by the providing Party.
- 9.2.1 Taxes and fees imposed on the purchasing Party, which are not required to be collected and/or remitted by the providing Party, shall be borne and paid by the purchasing Party.
- 9.3 Taxes and Fees Imposed on Purchasing Party But Collected And Remitted By
  Providing Party. Taxes and fees imposed on the purchasing Party shall be borne by
  the purchasing Party, even if the obligation to collect and/or remit such taxes or
  fees is placed on the providing Party.
- 9.3.1 To the extent permitted by applicable law, any such taxes and/or fees shall be shown on applicable billing documents between the Parties. Notwithstanding the foregoing, the purchasing Party shall remain liable for any such taxes and fees regardless of whether they are actually billed by the providing Party at the time that the respective service is billed.
- 9.3.2 If the purchasing Party determines that in its opinion any such taxes or fees are not payable, the providing Party shall not bill such taxes or fees to the purchasing Party if the purchasing Party provides written certification, reasonably satisfactory to the providing Party, stating that it is exempt or otherwise not subject to the tax or fee, setting forth the basis therefor, and satisfying any other requirements under applicable law. If any authority seeks to collect any such tax or fee that the purchasing Party has determined and certified not to be payable, or any such tax or fee that was not billed by the providing Party, the purchasing Party may contest the same in good faith, at its own expense. In any such contest, the purchasing Party shall promptly furnish the providing Party with copies of all filings in any proceeding, protest, or legal challenge, all rulings issued in connection therewith, and all correspondence between the purchasing Party and the taxing authority.
- 9.3.3 In the event that all or any portion of an amount sought to be collected must be paid in order to contest the imposition of any such tax or fee, or to avoid the existence of a lien on the assets of the providing Party during the pendency of such contest, the purchasing Party shall be responsible for such payment and shall be entitled to the benefit of any refund or recovery.
- 9.3.4 If it is ultimately determined that any additional amount of such a tax or fee is due to the imposing authority, the purchasing Party shall pay such additional amount, including any interest and penalties thereon.
- 9.3.5 Notwithstanding any provision to the contrary, the purchasing Party shall protect, indemnify and hold harmless (and defend at the purchasing Party's expense) the providing Party from and against any such tax or fee, interest or penalties thereon, or other charges or payable expenses (including reasonable attorney fees) with

respect thereto, which are incurred by the providing Party in connection with any claim for or contest of any such tax or fee.

- 9.3.6 Each Party shall notify the other Party in writing of any assessment, proposed assessment or other claim for any additional amount of such a tax or fee by a taxing authority; such notice to be provided, if possible, at least ten (10) days prior to the date by which a response, protest or other appeal must be filed, but in no event later than thirty (30) days after receipt of such assessment, proposed assessment or claim.
- 9.4 Taxes and Fees Imposed on Providing Party But Passed On To Purchasing Party.

  Taxes and fees imposed on the providing Party, which are permitted or required to be passed on by the providing Party to its customer, shall be borne by the purchasing Party.
- 9.4.1 To the extent permitted by applicable law, any such taxes and/or fees shall be shown on applicable billing documents between the Parties. Notwithstanding the foregoing, the purchasing Party shall remain liable for any such taxes and fees regardless of whether they are actually billed by the providing Party at the time that the respective service is billed.
- 9.4.2 If the purchasing Party disagrees with the providing Party's determination as to the application or basis for any such tax or fee, the Parties shall consult with respect to the imposition and billing of such tax or fee. Notwithstanding the foregoing, the providing Party shall retain ultimate responsibility for determining whether and to what extent any such taxes or fees are applicable, and the purchasing Party shall abide by such determination and pay such taxes or fees to the providing Party. The providing Party shall further retain ultimate responsibility for determining whether and how to contest the imposition of such taxes and fees; provided, however, that any such contest undertaken at the request of the purchasing Party shall be at the purchasing Party's expense.
- 9.4.3 In the event that all or any portion of an amount sought to be collected must be paid in order to contest the imposition of any such tax or fee, or to avoid the existence of a lien on the assets of the providing Party during the pendency of such contest, the purchasing Party shall be responsible for such payment and shall be entitled to the benefit of any refund or recovery.
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- 9.4.5 Notwithstanding any provision to the contrary, the purchasing Party shall protect, indemnify and hold harmless (and defend at the purchasing Party's expense) the providing Party from and against any such tax or fee, interest or penalties thereon, or other reasonable charges or payable expenses (including reasonable attorneys'

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- 9.4.6 Each Party shall notify the other Party in writing of any assessment, proposed assessment or other claim for any additional amount of such a tax or fee by a taxing authority; such notice to be provided, if possible, at least ten (10) days prior to the date by which a response, protest or other appeal must be filed, but in no event later than thirty (30) days after receipt of such assessment, proposed assessment or claim.
- 9.5 <u>Mutual Cooperation.</u> In any contest of a tax or fee by one Party, the other Party shall cooperate fully by providing records, testimony and such additional information or assistance as may reasonably be necessary to pursue the contest. Further, the other Party shall be reimbursed for any reasonable and necessary out-of-pocket copying and travel expenses incurred in assisting in such contest.

### 10 Force Majeure

In the event performance of this Agreement, or any obligation hereunder, is either directly or indirectly prevented, restricted, or interfered with by reason of fire, flood, earthquake or like acts of God, wars, revolution, civil commotion, explosion, acts of public enemy, embargo, acts of the government in its sovereign capacity, labor difficulties, including without limitation, strikes, slowdowns, picketing, or boycotts, unavailability of equipment from vendor, changes requested by USA Video Relay, or any other circumstances beyond the reasonable control and without the fault or negligence of the Party affected, the Party affected, upon giving prompt notice to the other Party, shall be excused from such performance on a day-to-day basis to the extent of such prevention, restriction, or interference (and the other Party shall likewise be excused from performance of its obligations on a day-to-day basis until the delay, restriction or interference has ceased); provided, however, that the Party so affected shall use diligent efforts to avoid or remove such causes of non-performance and both Parties shall proceed whenever such causes are removed or cease.

# 11 Adoption of Agreements

Pursuant to 47 USC § 252(i) and 47 C.F.R. § 51.809, BellSouth shall make available to USA Video Relay any entire resale agreement filed and approved pursuant to 47 USC § 252. The adopted agreement shall apply to the same states as the agreement that was adopted, and the term of the adopted agreement shall expire on the same date as set forth in the agreement that was adopted.

### 12 Modification of Agreement

12.1 If USA Video Relay changes its name or makes changes to its company structure or identity due to a merger, acquisition, transfer or any other reason, it is the responsibility of USA Video Relay to notify BellSouth of said change, request that an amendment to this Agreement, if necessary, be executed to reflect said change

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and notify the appropriate state commission of such modification of company structure in accordance with the state rules governing such modification in company structure if applicable. Additionally, USA Video Relay shall provide BellSouth with any necessary supporting documentation.

- 12.2 No modification, amendment, supplement to, or waiver of the Agreement or any of its provisions shall be effective and binding upon the Parties unless it is made in writing and duly signed by the Parties.
- In the event that any effective legislative, regulatory, judicial or other legal action materially affects any material terms of this Agreement, or the ability of USA Video Relay or BellSouth to perform any material terms of this Agreement, USA Video Relay or BellSouth may, on thirty (30) days' written notice, require that such terms be renegotiated, and the Parties shall renegotiate in good faith such mutually acceptable new terms as may be required. In the event that such new terms are not renegotiated within forty-five (45) days after such notice, and either Party elects to pursue resolution of such amendment such Party shall pursue the Dispute Resolution procedure set forth in this Agreement.

# 13 Legal Rights

Execution of this Agreement by either Party does not confirm or imply that the executing Party agrees with any decision(s) issued pursuant to the Telecommunications Act of 1996 and the consequences of those decisions on specific language in this Agreement. Neither Party waives its rights to appeal or otherwise challenge any such decision(s) and each Party reserves all of its rights to pursue any and all legal and/or equitable remedies, including appeals of any such decision(s).

### 14 Indivisibility

Subject to Section 15 (Severability), the Parties intend that this Agreement be indivisible and nonseverable, and each of the Parties acknowledges that it has assented to all of the covenants and promises in this Agreement as a single whole and that all of such covenants and promises, taken as a whole, constitute the essence of the contract. Without limiting the generality of the foregoing, each of the Parties acknowledges that any provision by BellSouth of collocation space under this Agreement is solely for the purpose of facilitating the provision of other services under this Agreement and that neither Party would have contracted with respect to the provisioning of collocation space under this Agreement if the covenants and promises of the other Party with respect to the other services provided under this Agreement had not been made. The Parties further acknowledge that this Agreement is intended to constitute a single transaction, that the obligations of the Parties under this Agreement are interdependent, and that payment obligations under this Agreement are intended to be recouped against other payment obligations under this Agreement.

## 15 Severability

If any provision of this Agreement, or part thereof, shall be held invalid or unenforceable in any respect, the remainder of the Agreement or provision shall not be affected thereby, provided that the Parties shall negotiate in good faith to reformulate such invalid provision, or part thereof, or related provision, to reflect as closely as possible the original intent of the parties, consistent with applicable law, and to effectuate such portions thereof as may be valid without defeating the intent of such provision. In the event the Parties are unable to mutually negotiate such replacement language, either Party may elect to pursue the dispute resolution process set forth in Section 8.

#### 16 Non-Waivers

A failure or delay of either Party to enforce any of the provisions hereof, to exercise any option which is herein provided, or to require performance of any of the provisions hereof shall in no way be construed to be a waiver of such provisions or options, and each Party, notwithstanding such failure, shall have the right thereafter to insist upon the performance of any and all of the provisions of this Agreement.

## 17 Governing Law

Where applicable, this Agreement shall be governed by and construed in accordance with federal and state substantive telecommunications law, including rules and regulations of the FCC and appropriate Commission. In all other respects, this Agreement shall be governed by and construed and enforced in accordance with the laws of the State of Georgia without regard to its conflict of laws principles.

### 18 Assignments and Transfers

Any assignment by either Party to any entity of any right, obligation or duty, or of any other interest hereunder, in whole or in part, without the prior written consent of the other Party shall be void. The assignee must provide evidence of a Commission approved certification to provide Telecommunications Service in each state that USA Video Relay is entitled to provide Telecommunications Service. After BellSouth's consent, the Parties shall amend this Agreement to reflect such assignments and shall work cooperatively to implement any changes required due to such assignment. All obligations and duties of any Party under this Agreement shall be binding on all successors in interest and assigns of such Party. No assignment or delegation hereof shall relieve the assignor of its obligations under this Agreement in the event that the assignee fails to perform such obligations. Notwithstanding anything to the contrary in this Section, USA Video Relay shall not be permitted to assign this Agreement in whole or in part to any entity unless either (1) USA Video Relay pays all bills, past due and current, under this

Agreement, or (2) USA Video Relay's assignee expressly assumes liability for payment of such bills.

In the event that USA Video Relay desires to transfer any services hereunder to another provider of Telecommunications Service, or USA Video Relay desires to assume hereunder any services provisioned by BellSouth to another provider of Telecommunications Service, such transfer of services shall be subject to separately negotiated rates, terms and conditions.

# 19 Notices

With the exception of billing notices, governed by Attachment 3, every notice, consent or approval of a legal nature, required or permitted by this Agreement shall be in writing and shall be delivered either by hand, by overnight courier or by US mail postage prepaid, or email if an email address is listed below, addressed to:

## BellSouth Telecommunications, Inc.

BellSouth Local Contract Manager 600 North 19<sup>th</sup> Street, 8<sup>th</sup> floor Birmingham, AL 35203

and

ICS Attorney Suite 4300 675 West Peachtree Street Atlanta, GA 30375

### USA Video Relay, Inc.

Daryl Crouse 925 Wappoo Road, Suite C Charleston, SC 29407 darly@caninterpreters.com

or at such other address as the intended recipient previously shall have designated by written notice to the other Party.

Unless otherwise provided in this Agreement, notice by mail shall be effective on the date it is officially recorded as delivered by return receipt or equivalent, and in the absence of such record of delivery, it shall be presumed to have been delivered the fifth day, or next business day after the fifth day, after it was deposited in the mails.

19.3 Notwithstanding the above, BellSouth will post to BellSouth's Interconnection Web site changes to business processes and policies and shall post to BellSouth's Interconnection Web site or submit through applicable electronic systems, other service and business related notices not requiring an amendment to this Agreement.

#### 20 Rule of Construction

No rule of construction requiring interpretation against the drafting Party hereof shall apply in the interpretation of this Agreement.

# 21 Headings of No Force or Effect

The headings of Articles and Sections of this Agreement are for convenience of reference only, and shall in no way define, modify or restrict the meaning or interpretation of the terms or provisions of this Agreement.

# 22 Multiple Counterparts

This Agreement may be executed in multiple counterparts, each of which shall be deemed an original, but all of which shall together constitute but one and the same document.

# 23 Filing of Agreement

Upon execution of this Agreement it shall be filed with the appropriate state regulatory agency pursuant to the requirements of Section 252 of the Act, and the Parties shall share equally any filing fees therefor. If the regulatory agency imposes any filing or public interest notice fees regarding the filing or approval of the Agreement, USA Video Relay shall be responsible for publishing the required notice and the publication and/or notice costs shall be borne by USA Video Relay. Notwithstanding the foregoing, this Agreement shall not be submitted for approval by the appropriate state regulatory agency unless and until such time as USA Video Relay is duly certified as a local exchange carrier in such state, except as otherwise required by a Commission.

# 24 Compliance with Law

The Parties have negotiated their respective rights and obligations pursuant to substantive Federal and State Telecommunications law and this Agreement is intended to memorialize the Parties' mutual agreement with respect to each Party's rights and obligations under the Act and applicable FCC and Commission orders, rules and regulations. Nothing contained herein, nor any reference to applicable rules and orders, is intended to expand on the Parties' rights and obligations as set forth herein. To the extent the provisions of this Agreement differ from the provisions of any Federal or State Telecommunications statute, rule or order, this

Agreement shall control. Each Party shall comply at its own expense with all other laws of general applicability.

# 25 Necessary Approvals

Each Party shall be responsible for obtaining and keeping in effect all approvals from, and rights granted by, governmental authorities, building and property owners, other carriers, and any other persons that may be required in connection with the performance of its obligations under this Agreement. Each Party shall reasonably cooperate with the other Party in obtaining and maintaining any required approvals and rights for which such Party is responsible.

#### 26 Good Faith Performance

Each Party shall act in good faith in its performance under this Agreement and, in each case in which a Party's consent or agreement is required or requested hereunder, such Party shall not unreasonably withhold or delay such consent or agreement.

### 27. Rates

- USA Video Relay shall pay the charges set forth in this Agreement. In the event that BellSouth is unable to bill the applicable rate or no rate is established or included in this Agreement for any services provided pursuant to this Agreement, BellSouth reserves the right to back bill USA Video Relay for such rate or for the difference between the rate actually billed and the rate that should have been billed pursuant to this Agreement. To the extent a rate element is omitted or no rate is established, BellSouth has the right not to provision such service until the Agreement is amended to include such rate.
- To the extent USA Video Relay requests services not included in this Agreement, such services shall be provisioned pursuant to the rates, terms and conditions set forth in the applicable tariffs or a separately negotiated Agreement.

#### 28 Rate True-Up

- 28.1 This section applies to rates that are expressly designated as subject to true-up under this Agreement.
- 28.2 The designated true-up rates shall be trued-up, either up or down, based on final prices determined either by further agreement between the Parties, or by a final and effective order of the Commission. The Parties shall implement the true-up by comparing the actual volumes and demand for each item, together with the designated true-up rates for each item, with the final prices determined for each item. Each Party shall keep its own records upon which the true-up can be based, and any final payment from one Party to the other shall be in an amount agreed upon by the Parties based on such records. In the event of any disagreement as

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between the records or the Parties regarding the amount of such true-up, the Parties shall submit the matter to the Dispute Resolution process in accordance with the provisions of this Agreement.

A final and effective order of the Commission that forms the basis of a true-up shall be based upon cost studies submitted by either or both Parties to the Commission and shall be binding upon BellSouth and USA Video Relay specifically or upon all carriers generally, such as a generic cost proceeding.

### 29 Survival

The Parties' obligations under this Agreement which by their nature are intended to continue beyond the termination or expiration of this Agreement shall survive the termination or expiration of this Agreement.

# 30 Entire Agreement

30.1 This Agreement means the General Terms and Conditions, the Attachments identified in Section 30.2 below, and all documents identified therein, as such may be amended from time to time and which are incorporated herein by reference, all of which, when taken together, are intended to constitute one indivisible agreement. This Agreement sets forth the entire understanding and supersedes prior agreements between the Parties relating to the subject matter contained in this Agreement and merges all prior discussions between them. Any orders placed under prior agreements between the Parties shall be governed by the terms of this Agreement and USA Video Relay acknowledges and agrees that any and all amounts and obligations owed for services provisioned or orders placed under prior agreements between the Parties, related to the subject matter hereof, shall be due and owing under this Agreement and be governed by the terms and conditions of this Agreement as if such services or orders were provisioned or placed under this Agreement. Neither Party shall be bound by any definition, condition, provision, representation, warranty, covenant or promise other than as expressly stated in this Agreement or as is contemporaneously or subsequently set forth in writing and executed by a duly authorized officer or representative of the Party to be bound thereby.

This Agreement includes Attachments with provisions for the following:

Resale

Pre-Ordering, Ordering, Provisioning, Maintenance and Repair

Billing

Performance Measurements

BellSouth Disaster Recovery Plan

Bona Fide Request/New Business Request Process

30.3 Any reference throughout this Agreement to a tariff, industry guideline, BellSouth's technical guideline or reference, BellSouth business rule, guide or

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other such document containing processes or specifications applicable to the services provided pursuant to this agreement, shall be construed to refer to only those provisions thereof that are applicable to these services, and shall include any successor or replacement versions thereof, all as they are amended from time to time and all of which are incorporated herein by reference. References to state tariffs throughout this Agreement shall be to the tariff for the state in which the services were provisioned.

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IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the Parties have executed this Agreement the day and year written below.

BellSouth Telecommunications, Inc.	USA Video Relay, Inc.	
By: Kinta Etom	By: Daug Crown	
Name: Kristen E. Rowe	Name: Dary Crouse	
Title: Director	Title: Prosident	
Date: 3/23/05	Date: 3/16/05	

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### RESALE

### 1. Discount Rates

- The discount rates applied to USA Video Relay purchases of BellSouth
  Telecommunications Services for the purpose of resale shall be as set forth in
  Exhibit D. Such discounts have been determined by the applicable Commission to
  reflect the costs avoided by BellSouth when selling a service for wholesale
  purposes.
- The telecommunications services available for purchase by USA Video Relay for the purposes of resale to USA Video Relay's End Users shall be available at BellSouth's tariffed rates less the discount set forth in Exhibit D to this Agreement and subject to the exclusions and limitations set forth in Exhibit A to this Agreement.

#### 2. Definition of Terms

- 2.1 COMPETITIVE LOCAL EXCHANGE COMPANY (CLEC) means a telephone company certificated by the Commission to provide local exchange service within BellSouth's franchised area.
- 2.2 CUSTOMER OF RECORD means the entity responsible for placing application for service; requesting additions, rearrangements, maintenance or discontinuance of service; payment in full of charges incurred such as non-recurring, monthly recurring, toll, directory assistance, etc.
- 2.3 DEPOSIT means assurance provided by a customer in the form of cash, surety bond or bank letter of credit to be held by BellSouth.
- 2.4 END USER means the ultimate user of the Telecommunications Service.
- 2.5 END USER CUSTOMER LOCATION means the physical location of the premises where an End User makes use of the telecommunications services.
- 2.6 NEW SERVICES means functions, features or capabilities that are not currently offered by BellSouth. This includes packaging of existing services or combining a new function, feature or capability with an existing service.
- 2.7 RESALE means an activity wherein a certificated CLEC, such as USA Video Relay, subscribes to the telecommunications services of BellSouth and then offers those telecommunications services to the public.

#### 3. General Provisions

- All of the negotiated rates, terms and conditions set forth in this Attachment pertain to the resale of BellSouth's retail telecommunications services and other services specified in this Attachment. Subject to effective and applicable FCC and Commission rules and orders, BellSouth shall make available to USA Video Relay for resale those telecommunications services BellSouth makes available, pursuant to its General Subscriber Services Tariff and Private Line Services Tariff, to customers who are not telecommunications carriers.
- 3.1.1 When USA Video Relay provides Resale service in a cross boundary area (areas that are part of the local serving area of another state's exchange) the rates, regulations and discounts for the tariffing state will apply. Billing will be from the serving state.
- 3.2 USA Video Relay may purchase resale services from BellSouth for its own use in operating its business. The resale discount will apply to those services under the following conditions:
- 3.2.1 USA Video Relay must resell services to other End Users.
- 3.2.2 USA Video Relay cannot be a competitive local exchange telecommunications company for the single purpose of selling to itself.
- 3.3 USA Video Relay will be the customer of record for all services purchased from BellSouth. Except as specified herein, BellSouth will take orders from, bill and receive payment from USA Video Relay for said services.
- USA Video Relay will be BellSouth's single point of contact for all services purchased pursuant to this Agreement. BellSouth shall have no contact with the End User except to the extent provided for herein. Each Party shall provide to the other a nation wide (50 states) toll-free contact number for purposes of repair and maintenance.
- 3.5 BellSouth will continue to bill the End User for any services that the End User specifies it wishes to receive directly from BellSouth. BellSouth maintains the right to serve directly any End User within the service area of USA Video Relay. BellSouth will continue to market directly its own telecommunications products and services and in doing so may establish independent relationships with End Users of USA Video Relay. Neither Party shall interfere with the right of any person or entity to obtain service directly from the other Party.
- 3.5.1 When an End User of USA Video Relay or BellSouth elects to change his/her carrier to the other Party, both Parties agree to release the End User's service to the other Party concurrent with the due date of the service order, which shall be

established based on the standard interval for the End User's requested service as set forth in the BellSouth Product and Services Interval Guide.

- 3.5.2 BellSouth and USA Video Relay will refrain from contacting an End User who has placed or whose selected carrier has placed on the End User's behalf an order to change the End User's service provider from BellSouth or USA Video Relay to the other Party until such time that the order for service has been completed.
- Current telephone numbers may normally be retained by the End User and are assigned to the service furnished. However, neither Party nor the End User has a property right to the telephone number or any other call number designation associated with services furnished by BellSouth, and no right to the continuance of service through any particular central office. BellSouth reserves the right to change such numbers, or the central office designation associated with such numbers, or both, whenever BellSouth deems it necessary to do so in the conduct of its business and in accordance with BellSouth practices and procedures on a nondiscriminatory basis.
- 3.7 Where BellSouth provides resold services to USA Video Relay, BellSouth will provide USA Video Relay with on-line access to intermediate telephone numbers as defined by applicable FCC rules and regulations on a first come first served basis. USA Video Relay acknowledges that such access to numbers shall be in accordance with the appropriate FCC rules and regulations. USA Video Relay acknowledges that there may be instances where there is a shortage of telephone numbers in a particular Common Language Location Identifier Code (CLLIC); and in such instances, USA Video Relay shall return unused intermediate telephone numbers to BellSouth upon BellSouth's request. BellSouth shall make all such requests on a nondiscriminatory basis.
- 3.8 BellSouth will allow USA Video Relay to designate up to 100 intermediate telephone numbers per CLLIC, for USA Video Relay's sole use. Assignment, reservation and use of telephone numbers shall be governed by applicable FCC rules and regulations. USA Video Relay acknowledges that there may be instances where there is a shortage of telephone numbers in a particular CLLIC and BellSouth has the right to limit access to blocks of intermediate telephone numbers. These instances include: 1) where jeopardy status has been declared by the North American Numbering Plan (NANP) for a particular Numbering Plan Area (NPA); or 2) where a rate center has less than six months supply of numbering resources.
- 3.9 Service is furnished subject to the condition that it will not be used for any unlawful purpose.
- 3.10 Service will be discontinued if any law enforcement agency advises that the service being used is in violation of the law.

- 3.11 BellSouth can refuse service when it has grounds to believe that service will be used in violation of the law.
- 3.12 BellSouth will cooperate with law enforcement agencies with subpoenas and court orders relating to USA Video Relay's End Users, pursuant to Section 6 of the General Terms and Conditions.
- 3.13 If USA Video Relay or its End Users utilize a BellSouth resold telecommunications service in a manner other than that for which the service was originally intended as described in BellSouth's retail tariffs, USA Video Relay has the responsibility to notify BellSouth. BellSouth will only provision and maintain said service consistent with the terms and conditions of the tariff describing said service.
- Facilities and/or equipment utilized by BellSouth to provide service to USA Video Relay remain the property of BellSouth.
- 3.15 White page directory listings for USA Video Relay End Users will be provided in accordance with Section 8 below.
- 3.16 Service Ordering and Operations Support Systems (OSS)
- 3.16.1 USA Video Relay must order services through resale interfaces, i.e., the Local Carrier Service Center (LCSC) and/or appropriate Complex Resale Support Group (CRSG) pursuant to this Agreement. BellSouth has developed and made available the interactive interfaces by which USA Video Relay may submit a Local Service Request (LSR) electronically as set forth in Attachment 2 of this Agreement. Service orders will be in a standard format designated by BellSouth.
- LSRs submitted by means of one of these interactive interfaces will incur an OSS electronic charge as set forth in Exhibit D of this Attachment. An individual LSR will be identified for billing purposes by its Purchase Order Number (PON). LSRs submitted by means other than one of these interactive interfaces (Mail, fax, courier, etc.) will incur a manual order charge as set forth in Exhibit D of this Attachment. Supplements or clarifications to a previously billed LSR will not incur another OSS charge.
- 3.16.3 <u>Denial/Restoral OSS Charge.</u> In the event USA Video Relay provides a list of customers to be denied and restored, rather than an LSR, each location on the list will require a separate PON and therefore will be billed as one LSR per location.
- 3.16.4 <u>Cancellation OSS Charge.</u> USA Video Relay will incur an OSS charge for an accepted LSR that is later canceled.
- 3.17 Where available to BellSouth's End Users, BellSouth shall provide the following telecommunications services at a discount to allow for voice mail services:

- Message Waiting Indicator ("MWI"), stutter dialtone and message waiting light feature capabilities
- Call Forward Busy Line ("CF/B")
- Call Forward Don't Answer ("CF/DA")

Further, BellSouth messaging services set forth in BellSouth's Messaging Service Information Package shall be made available for resale without the wholesale discount.

- 3.18 BellSouth shall provide branding for, or shall unbrand, voice mail services for USA Video Relay per the Bona Fide Request/New Business Request process as set forth in Attachment 6 of this Agreement.
- 3.19 BellSouth's Inside Wire Maintenance Service Plan is available for resale at rates, terms and conditions as set forth by BellSouth and without the wholesale discount.
- 3.20 In the event USA Video Relay acquires an End User whose service is provided pursuant to a BellSouth Special Assembly, BellSouth shall make available to USA Video Relay that Special Assembly at the wholesale discount at USA Video Relay's option. USA Video Relay shall be responsible for all terms and conditions of such Special Assembly including but not limited to termination liability if applicable.
- 3.21 BellSouth shall provide 911/E911 for USA Video Relay customers in the same manner that it is provided to BellSouth customers. BellSouth shall provide and validate USA Video Relay customer information to the PSAP. BellSouth shall use its service order process to update and maintain, on the same schedule that it uses for its customers, the USA Video Relay customer service information in the ALI/DMS (Automatic Location Identification/Location Information) databases used to support 911/E911 services.
- 3.22 BellSouth shall bill, and USA Video Relay shall pay, the End User line charge associated with implementing Number Portability as set forth in BellSouth's FCC No. 1 tariff. This charge is not subject to the wholesale discount.
- 3.23 Pursuant to 47 CFR Section 51.617, BellSouth shall bill to USA Video Relay, and USA Video Relay shall pay, the End User common line charges identical to the End User common line charges BellSouth bills its End Users.
- 4. BellSouth's Provision of Services to USA Video Relay
- 4.1 Resale of BellSouth services shall be as follows:
- 4.1.1 The resale of telecommunications services shall be limited to users and uses conforming to the class of service restrictions.

- 4.1.2 Hotel and Hospital PBX services are the only telecommunications services available for resale to Hotel/Motel and Hospital End Users, respectively. Similarly, Access Line Service for Customer Provided Coin Telephones is the only local service available for resale to Payphone Service Provider (PSP) customers. Shared Tenant Service customers can only be sold those local exchange access services available in BellSouth's A23 Shared Tenant Service Tariff in the state of South Carolina.
- 4.1.3 BellSouth reserves the right to periodically audit services purchased by USA Video Relay to establish authenticity of use. Such audit shall not occur more than once in a calendar year. USA Video Relay shall make any and all records and data available to BellSouth or BellSouth's auditors on a reasonable basis. BellSouth shall bear the cost of said audit. Any information provided by USA Video Relay for purposes of such audit shall be deemed Confidential Information pursuant to the General Terms and Conditions of this Agreement.
- 4.2 Subject to Exhibit A hereto, resold services can only be used in the same manner as specified in BellSouth's Tariffs. Resold services are subject to the same terms and conditions as are specified for such services when furnished to an individual End User of BellSouth in the appropriate section of BellSouth's Tariffs. Specific tariff features (e.g. a usage allowance per month) shall not be aggregated across multiple resold services.
- 4.3 USA Video Relay may resell services only within the specific service area as defined in its certificate of operation approved by the Commission.
- 4.4 If USA Video Relay cancels an order for resold services, any costs incurred by BellSouth in conjunction with provisioning of such order will be recovered in accordance with BellSouth's General Subscriber Services Tariffs and Private Line Services Tariffs.
- 4.5 <u>Service Jointly Provisioned with an Independent Company or Competitive Local Exchange Company Areas.</u> BellSouth will in some instances provision resold services in accordance with the General Subscriber Services Tariff and Private Line Tariffs jointly with an Independent Company or other Competitive Local Exchange Carrier.
- 4.5.1 When USA Video Relay assumes responsibility for such service, all terms and conditions defined in the Tariff will apply for services provided within the BellSouth service area only.
- 4.5.2 Service terminating in an Independent Company or other Competitive Local Exchange Carrier area will be provisioned and billed by the Independent Company or other Competitive Local Exchange Carrier directly to USA Video Relay.

- 4.5.3 USA Video Relay must establish a billing arrangement with the Independent Company or other Competitive Local Exchange Carrier prior to assuming an End User account where such circumstances apply.
- 4.5.4 Specific guidelines regarding such services are available on the BellSouth Web site at http://www.interconnection.bellsouth.com.

#### 5. Maintenance of Services

- 5.1 Services resold pursuant to this Attachment and BellSouth's General Subscriber Service Tariff and Private Line Service Tariff and facilities and equipment provided by BellSouth shall be maintained by BellSouth.
- 5.2 USA Video Relay or its End Users may not rearrange, move, disconnect, remove or attempt to repair any facilities owned by BellSouth except with the written consent of BellSouth.
- 5.3 USA Video Relay accepts responsibility to notify BellSouth of situations that arise that may result in a service problem.
- 5.4 USA Video Relay will contact the appropriate repair centers in accordance with procedures established by BellSouth.
- For all repair requests, USA Video Relay shall adhere to BellSouth's prescreening guidelines prior to referring the trouble to BellSouth.
- 5.6 BellSouth will bill USA Video Relay for handling troubles that are found not to be in BellSouth's network pursuant to its standard time and material charges. The standard time and material charges will be no more than what BellSouth charges to its retail customers for the same services.
- 5.7 BellSouth reserves the right to contact USA Video Relay's End Users, if deemed necessary, for maintenance purposes.

### 6. Establishment of Service

After receiving certification as a local exchange carrier from the applicable regulatory agency, USA Video Relay will provide the appropriate BellSouth Advisory team manager the necessary documentation to enable BellSouth to establish accounts for resold services ("master account"). USA Video Relay is required to provide the following before a master account is established: blanket letter of authorization, misdirected number form, proof of PSC/PUC certification, the Application for Master Account, an Operating Company Number ("OCN") assigned by the National Exchange Carriers Association ("NECA") and a deposit and tax exemption certificate, if applicable.

- USA Video Relay shall provide to BellSouth a blanket letter of authorization ("LOA") certifying that USA Video Relay will have End User authorization prior to viewing the End User's customer service record or switching the End User's service. BellSouth will not require End User confirmation prior to establishing service for USA Video Relay's End User.
- 6.3 BellSouth will accept a request directly from the End User for conversion of the End User's service from USA Video Relay to BellSouth or will accept a request from another CLEC for conversion of the End User's service from USA Video Relay to such other CLEC. Upon completion of the conversion BellSouth will notify USA Video Relay that such conversion has been completed.

#### 7. Discontinuance of Service

- 7.1 The procedures for discontinuing service to an End User are as follows:
- 7.1.1 BellSouth will deny service to USA Video Relay's End User on behalf of, and at the request of, USA Video Relay. Upon restoration of the End User's service, restoral charges will apply and will be the responsibility of USA Video Relay.
- 7.1.2 At the request of USA Video Relay, BellSouth will disconnect a USA Video Relay End User.
- 7.1.3 All requests by USA Video Relay for denial or disconnection of an End User for nonpayment must be in writing.
- 7.1.4 USA Video Relay will be made solely responsible for notifying the End User of the proposed disconnection of the service.
- 7.1.5 BellSouth will continue to process calls made to the Annoyance Call Center and will advise USA Video Relay when it is determined that annoyance calls are originated from one of its End User's locations. BellSouth shall be indemnified, defended and held harmless by USA Video Relay and/or the End User against any claim, loss or damage arising from providing this information to USA Video Relay. It is the responsibility of USA Video Relay to take the corrective action necessary with its End Users who make annoying calls. (Failure to do so will result in BellSouth's disconnecting the End User's service.)

# 8 White Pages Listings

- 8.1 BellSouth shall provide USA Video Relay and its End Users access to white pages directory listings under the following terms:
- 8.1.2 <u>Listings.</u> USA Video Relay shall provide all new, changed and deleted listings on a timely basis and BellSouth or its agent will include USA Video Relay residential and business End User listings in the appropriate White Pages (residential and business) or alphabetical directories in the geographic areas covered by this